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# **EMPLOYMENT TAX RATES**

FICA	<b>2019</b> Wage Base	2018 Wage Base
Social Security	\$132,900	\$128,400
Medicare	no limit	no limit
Self-Employment	<b>2019</b> Wage Base	2018 Wage Base
Social Security	\$132,900	\$128,400
Medicare	no limit	no limit

## ADDITIONAL MEDICARE TAX

The Additional Medicare Tax is a 0.9% tax on Medicare wages and self-employment earnings that exceed the following threshold\* amounts:

- Single-\$200,000
- Married Filing Jointly-\$250,000
- Married Filing Separately-\$125,000
- \* Employers are required to withhold this tax from wages when an employee is paid more than \$200,000 in a calendar year. Self-employed individuals should include this tax when figuring their estimated tax liabilities.

# **STANDARD MILEAGE DEDUCTIONS**

	Per	Mile
Use	2019	2018
Business	58¢	54.5¢
Charitable	I4¢	I4¢
Medical/Moving	20¢	18¢

# WHO IS DMJ?

Established in 1949, DMJ & Co., PLLC is a Top 300 North Carolina accounting firm providing audit and accounting, tax planning, preparation, financial, and compliance services to corporate and individual clients with offices in the Triad, Triangle, and Sandhills. Relationships with our clients go far beyond the scope of traditional accounting and auditing services providing specialized services, industry knowledge, and consulting.



# **HSA CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

	2019	2018
Individual	\$3,500	\$3,450
Family	\$7,000	\$6,900
Catch-Up (55 or older)	\$1,000	\$1,000

# **FSA CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

2019	2018
\$2,700	\$2,650

# **CORPORATE INCOME TAX RATES**

Tax rate	2019	2018	
US	21% flat	21% flat	
NC	2.5% flat	3.0% flat	

# **2018 ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS**

To avoid possible underpayment penalties, a corporate taxpayer is required to pay estimated tax payments equal to the lesser of:

- (1) 100% of prior year tax liability\*, provided a positive tax liability was shown  $\underline{and}$  the prior tax year consisted of twelve months, or
- (2) 100% of current year tax liability.

# THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017

The Tax Cuts and Job Act of 2017 is the largest tax bill in more than three decades. Substantive changes are in process in all areas of taxation. Individuals and businesses will understandably have questions and are encouraged to contact DMJ for clarification of the new federal law.

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<sup>\*</sup> Not available for corporations with a taxable income of at least \$1 million in any one of three immediately preceeding tax years.

## **INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RATES**

# **Regular Tax\***

	Base	Tax	_% on
2019	Taxable Income	on Base	Excess Over Base
Joint Return	\$ 0	\$ 0	10%
,	19,400	1,940	12%
	78,950	9,086	22%
	168,400	28,765	24%
	321,450	65,497	32%
	408,200	93,257	35%
	612,350	164,709.50	37%
Single	\$ 0	\$ 0	10%
	9,700	970	12%
	39,475	4,543	22%
	84,200	14,382.50	24%
	160,725	32,748.50	32%
	204,100	46,628.50	35%
	510,300	153,798.50	37%
2018			
Joint Return	\$ 0	\$ 0	10%
	19,050	1,905	12%
	77,400	8,907	22%
	165,000	28,179	24%
	315,000	64,179	32%
	400,000	91,379	35%
	600,000	161,379	37%
Single	\$ 0	\$ 0	10%
	9,525	952.50	12%
	38,700	4,453.50	22%
	82,500	14,089.50	24%
	157,500	32,089.50	32%
	200,000	45,689.50	35%
	500,000	150,689.50	37%

<sup>\*</sup> Long term capital gains are generally subject to a maximum 15% tax rate; 20% rate for gains otherwise in the 39.6% tax bracket in 2017. In 2018, the 20% rate applies if taxable income is more than the following amounts: Joint>\$479,000, Single>425,800. A lower capital gains rate of 0% applies to persons in the 10% or 15% bracket. A lower capital gains rate of 0% applies to persons of lower income.

# **NC INDIVIDUAL TAX RATES**

2019	2018
5.25%	5.499%

## **KIDDIE TAX**

In 2019, this same child's unearned income will be taxed under the rate schedules for trusts and estates.

# **NET INVESTMENT INCOME TAX**

The Net Investment Income Tax is a 3.8% tax on the lesser of (1) net investment income\* or (2) the excess of modified adjusted gross income over the following threshold amounts:

- Single-\$200,000
- Married Filing Jointly-\$250,000
- Married Filing Separately-\$125,000
- \* Net investment income includes interest, dividends, rents, royalties, and gains on the disposition of property hot held in an active trade or business.

# **SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS**

#### **Maximum Annual Earned Income Limit\***

	2019	2018
Ages 62-65	\$17,640	\$17,040
The year attain age 66	\$46,920	\$45,360
Thereafter	no limit	no limit

<sup>\*</sup> Earned income exceeding this limit results in reduction of Social Security benefits.

# TAXABLE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

% Subject to Tax

<u>Married</u>	<u>Single</u>	
Over \$32,000	Over \$25,000	50%
Over \$44,000	Over \$34,000	85%

**Provisional Income\*** 

# **ALTERNATIVE MINIMUM TAX (AMT)**

Tax Rate			2019	2018
	26% up	to, then 28%	\$194,800	\$191,100
	Exemption	n Amount*	Phase (	<u>Out</u>
Filing Status	2019	2018	2019	2018

<sup>\*</sup> Reduced as AMT income exceeds phase out base.

# 2019 ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENTS

To avoid possible underpayment penalties (if tax due with return will exceed, \$1,000), taxpayer is required to deposit through withholding or estimated tax payments the lesser of:

- (1) 100% of prior year tax liability\*, or (2) 90% of current year tax liability.
- \* "High income" taxpayers (i.e. those whose 2018 adjusted gross income was greater than \$150,000) must pay 110% of their 2018 tax liability.

# **RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS**

## **Individual and Corporate Limitations**

	2019	2018
General Deferral Limits:		
401(k)/403(b)	\$19,000	\$18,500
SIMPLE	13,000	12,500
Individual Retirement Account (IRA)*	6,000	5,500
Non-Deductible Roth IRA**	6,000	5,500
Catch-Up Contribution for Taxpayers Age		
50 and Over:	4.000	44.000
401(k)/403(b)	\$6,000	\$6,000
SIMPLE	3,000	3,000
IRA/Roth IRA	1,000	1,000
Compensation Limit for Benefit Calculations:	\$280,000	\$275,000

#### **Overall Contribution Limits:**

Per Participant	100% of compensation up to \$56,000 (2019
Per Participant	100% of compensation up to \$55,000 (2018
	Plus \$6,000 catch-up for age 50 and over
Overall Plan Deduction Limit	25% of eligible compensation

<sup>\*</sup> May be limited if taxpayer is a participant in another plan and earns over \$64,000 (single) or \$103,000 (married filing jointly) in 2019 and \$63,000 (single) or \$101,000 (married filing jointly) in 2018.

NOTE: In general, contributions must be made before filing date of tax return, not including extensions.

## **ESTATE TAX RATES**

### **Estate Tax**

	Estate Before Tax	Rate On Excess	Heirs' Basis
2019	\$11,400,000	40%	Value at Death
2018	\$11,180,000	40%	Value at Death

#### **Annual Gift Tax Exclusion**

	2019	2018
Gifts per donee	\$15,000	\$15,000
Joint gifts with spouse	\$30,000	\$30,000

<sup>\*</sup> The Gift Tax applicable exclusion is \$11,400,000 in 2019 and was \$11,180,000 in 2018.

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<sup>\*</sup> Provisional income includes adjusted gross income, tax exempt interests, certain foreign source income, and one half of Social Security benefits.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Roth IRA contributions may be limited if taxpayer income is over \$122,000 (single) or \$193,000 (married filing jointly) in 2019 and \$120,000 (single) or \$189,000 (married filing jointly) in 2018.